Removal of Fare Difference Between IA and Other Aviation Companies

661. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fare of Indian Airlines is higher as compared to that of other aviation companies of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to end the said difference; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A comprehensive study has not been done. A limited sample study of selected sectors has revealed that Indian Airlines fares are lower than the fares in other countries on the domestic sectors having similar distances.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Corporatisation of Airports

662. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government plans to corporatise the five major airports in our country; and

(b) when will the plan of this new structure be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to corporatise the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai. This decision is under review with regard to modalities.

Removal of Defective Systems by AAI

663. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: